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STATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATION

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This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached are copies of one Japanese patent document, one English-language article and one European patent document, which were first cited in the attached European Search Report, dated June 10, 2008, which was issued in connection with the European patent application No. 04808082.4. Also attached is an English-language abstract and translation of the Japanese patent document from which any relevance of the document can be gleaned. The documents and the article are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also listed for consideration on the Form PTO-1449 is a U.S. patent, which was also cited in the European Search Report. Any relevance of this U.S. patent is self-evident.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and is requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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